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PHOTOSELECTION OF NUCLEIC ACID
LIGANDS AND SOLUTION SELEX

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/723,718, filed November 28, 2000 entitled "Systematic Evolution of Ligands by Exponential Enrichment: Photoselection of Nucleic Acid Ligands and Solution SELEX."

Please enter the following amendments into the instant application.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.